

## ABSTRACT

A modular franking system for processing envelopes into mailpieces having a path through the modules for performing processing steps on the envelopes such as weighing each envelope and calculating a franking charge for each mailpiece. The franking system includes a network protocol stack and a network controller or node that connects the system to a gateway such as a LAN. The LAN can allow access to the Internet. Via the LAN, the franking system can be remotely configured.